THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS). The Scheme was started in January, 2007 and aims at rehabilitation of remaining manual scavengers and their by dependents by 31st March, 2010. The implementing agencies have been requested by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to prepare a detailed database of all the beneficiaries under the scheme, including details of training and loan provided to the beneficiaries.

(c) All efforts are being made to rehabilitate the remaining beneficiaries by March, 2010.

Houses for Urban poor

2361. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of poor persons seeking employment in urban areas of the country as on 1st July, 2007, 1st July, 2008 and 1st July, 2009;

(b) whether there is any Central scheme like REGP for urban poor;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, steps taken to provide minimum assured employment to urban poor?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No estimate is available regarding the number of poor persons seeking employment in urban areas on 1st July 2007, 1st July 2008 and 1st July, 2009.

(b) to (d) There is no Central scheme like Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (REGP) for the urban poor. However, Government has recently revamped the employment-Oriented urban poverty alleviation programme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 1st April, 2009. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, through encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor, and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

The revamped SJSRY has the following five components:-

(i) Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)-Targeting individual urban poor for setting up of micro-enterprises.

(ii) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP)-Targeting urban poor women self-help groups for setting up of group-enterprises and providing them assistance through a revolving fund for thrift and credit activities.

(iii) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP)-Targeting urban poor for imparting quality training so as to enhance their employability for self-employment or better salaried employment.

(iv) urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)-Assisting urban poor by utilizing their labour for the construction of socially and economically useful public assets, in towns having population less than 5 lakhs as per 1991 census.

(v) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN)-Assisting the urban poor in organizing themselves in self-managed community structures so as to gain collective strength to address the issues of poverty facing them and participate in the effective implementation of urban poverty alleviation programmes.

Indiramma Scheme

2362. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government which used to allocate around Rs. 5000 crores every year for the Indiramma Scheme has sanctioned only Rs. 1800 crore in current financial year;

(b) if so, whether several houses in State were nearing completion and more funds were not required this time;

(c) whether State Government which introduced Indiramma Scheme in 2005 allocate houses to 70.61 lakh persons but so far only 25.61 lakh houses have been completed;

(d) whether Government has fixed Rs. 40000 for each unit in urban areas and Rs. 25000 in rural areas; and

(e) if so, whether Government is considering to provide further aid?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (e) Indiramma scheme is a programme of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. It is neither a Centrally-sponsored nor a Central sector scheme. The Government of India does not maintain operational details and database of the State scheme.

Funds under SJSRY for Andhra Pradesh

2363. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned and released for Andhra Pradesh State by her Ministry for implementation of the Centrally sponsored Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) during the last three years and till date, indicating the number of urban unemployed people provided jobs under SJSRY; and

(b) the targets set for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh during last 3 years and current year are as under:-